

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to point out that this U.S. National Phase of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/05740, published under No. WO03/106108 contains an International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Claims 1 – 12 have been amended to delete reference numerals, remove multiple dependencies, and reflect other minor changes. Claims 1 – 12 are pending in this application. Examination of the pending claims on their merits is solicited.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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